

to the public the feeling that the Legislature does have some feeling for it even though these other bills constitute such big giveaways. The 775 bill, the 270 bill, the 185, or 183, whatever Senator Haberman's bill was numbered, the Ak-Sar-Ben giveaway and so on, these are all propositions that the public is aware of and that they have been complaining very vociferously about. I've read letters to the editor in the Lincoln papers when I read it and in the Omaha World-Herald and the same complaint is made over and over again. The Legislature is helping the wealthy on the backs of those who are less well off, those who are scraping and scratching and trying to get by are the ones who have to carry this heavy burden. Now, some people even have the feeling that senators may be featherbedding for in the future. There have been instances where members of Congress have been very favorable to the defense industry and as soon as they left office they got a job with those enterprises, so it is not beyond the realm of possibility that somebody may be pushing for these kinds of issues now so that when they leave the Legislature there will be a consideration given for work having been well done. Whether that is true or not, it is a public perception, and I think that Senator Hall has brought an amendment that is fair, not totally fair, but it is more fair than what the current bill offers. So I support his amendment and I hope enough will support it to return this bill to Select so that it can be added.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, there are six amendments filed to 773. This is the third time we've done this amendment. If you want it, you just took \$8 million out of your budget.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, here we go again. We've fought this battle two or three times already and now we have another amendment and I understand that following this amendment there will be others. But I think that we've debated this bill enough. I would urge you to defeat it. This is going to have quite a fiscal impact on this bill. And what we did, what the Revenue Committee did was increased these brackets, some of these brackets to take care of the margin of error. We don't know for sure how much money this bill will raise. The Revenue Committee has worked long and hard on this bill and I think it's in good shape just the way it is. With